



Merrick Board of Equalization Minutes



February 25, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, Hahn, Jefferson, and Wiegert present. Weller was absent. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:00 a.m.

Moved Jefferson, second Helgoth to convene as Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Helgoth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda: Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve the minutes as published for February 11, 2014. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Hahn to open the hearing for the permissive exemption for Palmer Bible Fellowship and Merrick Foundation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Assessor Placke stated that this was a new application for the Palmer Bible Fellowship. They have purchased another building and are fixing it to be used for religious purposes. She recommends approval of this exemption. Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the permissive exemption for the Palmer Bible Fellowship. Roll Call: All Ayes. Assessor Placke said that she had sent notices out to the Palmer Bible Fellowship and the Merrick Foundation and this hearing was also published in both newspapers. Placke questioned a year ago whether all of the building was being used for educational purposes. She is reviewing for tax exempt purposes and as far as she knows part of the building is being used by the insurance company. Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to leave the Merrick Foundation at 100% exemption. Placke said that she estimated that they are only using 29% for education. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn and Jefferson. Nays: Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, and Wiegert. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to continue this until the next meeting on March 11, 2014. Roll Call: Ayes: Jefferson, Kucera, Helgoth, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: Hahn. Moved Helgoth, second Jefferson to come out of the hearing at 9:11 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Jefferson, second Graves to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk